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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attn: BOX MISSING PARTS

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 8, 9, and 14 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

8. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the control section performs the control for displaying all registered images registered in the registration section on the display at predetermined time intervals at the timing at which the advertisement display is permitted, in accordance with the priority level input by the input section.

9. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control section performs the control for displaying at least one image, for which the

accounting process has been performed by the accounting process section, in accordance with the advertisement time and priority level of the image.

14. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the second registration section includes a second process section for performing an accounting process in accordance with a length of the description input by the input section and the advertisement time designated by the designation section.

Please add the following new claims.

18. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the control section performs the control for displaying all registered images registered in the registration section on the display at predetermined time intervals at the timing at which the advertisement display is permitted, in accordance with the priority level input by the input section.

19. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the control section performs the control for displaying at least one image, for which the accounting process has been performed by the accounting process section, in accordance with the advertisement time and priority level of the image.

20. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the second registration section includes a second process section for performing an accounting process in accordance with a length of the description input by the input section and the advertisement time designated by the designation section.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested prior to examination of the application on the merits.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Marked up claim 8:

8. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 5 [or 7], wherein the control section performs the control for displaying all registered images registered in the registration section on the display at predetermined time intervals at the timing at which the advertisement display is permitted, in accordance with the priority level input by the input section.

Marked up claim 9:

9. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1 [or 7], wherein the control section performs the control for displaying at least one image, for which the accounting process has been performed by the accounting process section, in accordance with the advertisement time and priority level of the image.

Marked up claim 14:

14. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 12 [or 13], wherein the second registration section includes a second process section for performing an accounting process in accordance with a length of the description input by the input section and the advertisement time designated by the designation section.